

## REMARKS

Applicant claims a locknut pliers having specifically configured and disposed notches and adjacent walls, whereby the pliers operably engages differently sized lock nuts in different operable modalities. The presently claimed construction is not shown or disclosed in the previously cited prior art. The present claims define patently distinguishable elements, including by way of example:

- (i) "first" and "second" "elongate" notches with a "first notch" "rectilinear" "distally disposed" "wall" for operable engagement of a locknut (claims 29-30); whereas the prior art at best discloses sharp teeth for engaging a cylindrical surface;
- (ii) "transversely and distally disposed distal wall" of the more distally disposed first notch (claim 29); whereas the prior art discloses serrated angularly disposed sharp teeth;
- (iii) "the first notch" "elongate" wall is spacedly disposed from each respective lug; whereas the prior art at best discloses sharp teeth which operably engages a cylinder, and is unrelated functionality for operably engaging protruding lugs, and any such alleged relationship is mere speculation;
- (iv) "the second notch" has operable "rectilinear surfaces" for engaging differently sized lug (claim 41); whereas the prior art does not disclose differently disposed rectilinear notch surfaces; and

(v) a single pivot axis pliers which nonetheless operably engages differently sized locknuts and lugs in different modalities; whereas the prior art directs one to a translated pivot member to engage differently sized cylindrical surfaces.

The prior art provides several clear teachings away from the presently claimed construction.

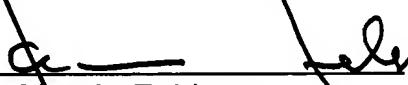
The previously cited but not relied on prior art is further removed.

Applicant submits that the amended claims distinguish over the prior art.

The Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney if any question remains regarding the patentable aspect of the present claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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